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TO: School District Special Education Directors
Registered Nurses
Licensed Practical Nurses

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SUBJECT: Clarification on submitting claims for nursing services

The Health Care Authority (HCA) reimburses school districts for school-based health care services provided to children in special education consistent with Section 1903 (c) of the Social Security Act. Correct billing codes and covered services under the SBHS program are described below.

Effective immediately, nurses will submit claims according to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and the SBHS Medicaid Provider Guide for Medicaid-eligible children in special education.

A service provided by registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), or nurse extenders under the RN's supervision, is one of seven health care related services under the SBHS program. Nursing services include medical and remedial services involving assessment, treatment, and supervision of delegated health care services.

Services reimbursable by HCA must:

- Identify, treat, and manage the education-related disabilities (i.e., mental, emotional, and physical) of a child in special education.
- Be prescribed or recommended by a licensed health care provider within their scope of practice under state law.
- Be medically necessary.
- Be diagnostic, evaluative, habilitative, or rehabilitative in nature.
- Be included in the child's current Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Listed below are descriptions of covered nursing services with the corresponding billing codes.

Brief Description	Procedural Code
Nursing assessment and evaluation (RN only)	T1001
RN services provided up to 15 minutes	T1002
LPN services provided up to 15 minutes	T1003

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Covered nursing services include:

- Blood glucose testing and analysis
- Medication administration: oral, enteral, parenteral, inhaled, rectal, subcutaneous, and intramuscular. This includes eye and ear drops.
- Testing oxygen saturation levels and adjustment
- Cauterization
- Stoma care
- Chest wall manipulation/postural drainage
- Tracheotomy care/suctioning
- Dressing/wound care
- Nebulizer treatments
- Tube feeding
- Intravenous care/feeding
- Nurse delegation (initiation and re-evaluation)
- Pump feeding (setup and take down only)

Two Examples How to Bill Nursing Services Correctly			
9:00 a.m. – 9:02 a.m.	} *Multiple nursing interventions involved up to 15 minutes	8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. = 1 intervention	} A maximum of four units of billable service per every 1 hour
9:09 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.		9:00 a.m. – 9:02 a.m. = 1 intervention	
9:11 a.m. – 9:14 a.m.		9:16 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. = 1 intervention	
		9:41 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. = 1 intervention	

*Multiple interventions within a 15 minute time frame can only be billed as one unit. A single intervention up to 15 minutes can be billed as one unit up to four units per hour (e.g., 32 units = 8 hours of billable service).

Direct your Medicaid-related questions to the Medicaid Customer Services at 1-800-562-3022 or <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/p1contactus/>.

Contact Provider Relations at providerrelations@hca.wa.gov for training-only questions related to ProviderOne (P1). You can find training opportunities through HCA on the SBS website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/schoolbased/index.html>.

If you have questions or need additional clarification, please contact me at 360-725-1153 or james.harvey@hca.wa.gov.

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